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REMARKS

Claim 8 is pending in the present application. Claims 1-7, 9, 11, 17 were previously cancelled, and claims 10, 12-16, and 18-25 are cancelled herein. No new matter has been added.

Claims 10, 12-16, and 20-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 8 and 18-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

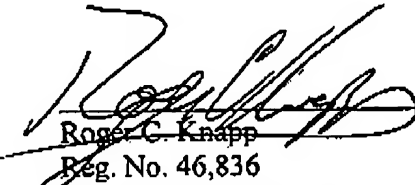
Claims 8 and 18-19 were rejected as assertedly being indefinite "because it is not clear what is referenced as 'determining' in view of newly introduced claims [sic] 19." (Office Action, para. 4.) Applicants have canceled claims 18-19, and therefore, the rejection of claim 8 is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 8 be withdrawn and that claim 8 be allowed to issue.

Applicants have canceled all other claims, thereby rendering all other rejections moot and allowing this case to pass to issuance.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that this response complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants further submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added by this amendment. If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that there are any fees due, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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